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NEWS RELEASE

On Wednesday, February 15, 2006, Troop I, Bethany responded to Eli-Whitney Technical School, 71 Jones Rd, Hamden to investigate two separate incidents involving Weapons On School Grounds:

Incident #1

Weapon on School Grounds
DPS06-007677
02/15/06
1153 hrs.

Troop I was notified by Eli-Whitney Assistant Principal Alvin Vaz that a juvenile male student was observed to be brandishing and shooting what appeared to be a pellet gun in class. No other students were struck by any pellets. The firearm was confiscated and the student was sent to the School office. An examination of the gun indicates that it is a plastic gun that shoots plastic pellets. The juvenile was transported to Troop I, processed, and was referred to New Haven Juvenile Court on Feb. 24, 2006. Juvenile was charged with Reckless Endangerment, Weapon on School grounds, and Breach of Peace. Juvenile was released to a family member.

Incident #2

Weapon on School Grounds
DPS06-007694
02/15/06
1316 hrs.

Troop I was notified by Eli-Whitney Technical School, Hamden, Principal Paulette Moore that a juvenile male student may be in possession of a gun. Teachers gained information as to who had the gun. It was learned that one student brought the pellet gun to school and handed it to another student to hold. The firearm was confiscated and the students were sent to the School office. An examination of the gun indicates that it is a plastic gun that shoots plastic pellets. The two juveniles (ages 15 and 14) were detained and released to their parents. Both Juveniles were referred to New Haven Juvenile Court on Feb. 24, 2006. Both juveniles were charged with Reckless Endangerment, Weapon on School grounds, and Breach of Peace, and released to family members.

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